



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2293

A bill to provide special immigrant status for aliens serving as translators with the United States Armed Forces

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on May 18, 2005*

H.R. 2293 would allow certain nationals of Iraq or Afghanistan who have worked with the United States Armed Forces as translators to apply for permanent U.S. residence as special immigrants. The bill would limit this opportunity to 50 individuals, plus their families. Enacting this legislation could affect revenues and direct spending by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Department of State, and certain federal assistance programs. Because so few special visas would be provided, however, CBO estimates that H.R. 2293 would have no significant budgetary impact.

H.R. 2293 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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